Every Child Matters Every Day
At Officer Primary School we hold the following values – the four “R’s” for all members of the school community.
- RESPONSIBILITY
- RESPECT
- RESILIENCE
- RELATIONSHIPS
As a staff, we make a commitment in 2014 to make these core values part of our explicit teaching on a routine basis.
We invite parents as well to engage in teaching and living by these values.

Date: Friday 5th September, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to those parents who responded to the offer to attend a parent/teacher interview next Monday evening. The staff are looking forward to the opportunity to speak with parents about their child’s progress. If, for some reason, you were unable to attend an appointment on Monday but would like to meet with your child’s class teacher please do not hesitate to call and arrange a suitable appointment time.

CAR PARKING NEWS

The recent changes to the parking arrangements in Tivendale Road have caused much concern within our community. The school and many of our families have made contact with Nicholas Charrett (Senior Traffic Engineer) and Councillor Brett Owen regarding the impact of the changes. In response to these concerns Council officers have reviewed the parking restrictions and recommended some changes to address the issues raised.

The following information, including the attached plan was provided to the school by Nicholas Charrett:
‘Following review of the recent parking restriction changes, Council is making some minor alterations to improve parking and safety around the school. The large gravel Council car park will be provided with some pine post and rail fencing in the centre to show motorists where / how to park. Please see the attached plan to see how to use this car park to maximise the number of cars using the space, and allow everyone to get in or out of the car park efficiently. Although the car park flow is legally 2 way, if parents at school peak times could circulate in a clockwise direction it will help minimise congestion issues.
Some parking will be re-allowed on the east side of Tivendale Road (opposite the indented parking in front of Officer Primary School). The width of the road here combined with the parking allow for 2 lanes of traffic (one each way) to get through and as such the parking restrictions will shortly be lifted (unless further issues arise in the future). Until the signs are changed however – please continue to obey the current signs, as Councils Local Laws officers still patrol this area to ensure compliance with the current signage.
Council has also reviewed the future footpath provision on Tivendale Road on the school side. The footpath although not funded this year, has been given a higher priority ranking, and is likely to be funded in next year’s Council budget.’

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS

The individual student reports for students in Years 3 and 5 who participated in the NAPLAN testing in May of this year will be distributed to parents at the parent/teacher interviews scheduled for Monday evening. This will give parents an opportunity to discuss the reports with the class teacher and consider how they compare with teacher judgements of your child’s performance.
It is important to remember that the NAPLAN results are a ‘snapshot’ of how a student is progressing and should be considered in context with other measures of performance.

Families who are not attending the parent interviews on Monday will be sent the student reports in the mail and are encouraged to contact the class teacher if they have any queries about their child’s NAPLAN report.

SAVERPLUS PROGRAM
This week I have provided families with a flyer regarding the Saverplus Program delivered by the Brotherhood of St Laurence.
SaverPlus is Australia’s longest running matched savings and financial education program. The program assists individuals and families on lower incomes to build assets and improve financial capability, and has supported thousands of lower income earners to develop a lasting savings habit.

SaverPlus offers:
- Up to $500 in matched savings for education costs
- Fun, free, and informal financial education workshops
- Assistance and support from a local SaverPlus Worker to establish a savings goal and develop a savings habit

Participants make regular deposits toward a savings goal over a 10-month period and attend workshops to build their financial management skills. When participants reach their savings goal, ANZ matches the amount – up to $500 – towards education costs including uniforms, textbooks, laptops, sporting equipment, music tuition, TAFE or apprenticeship costs, and much more.

Families may be eligible to join SaverPlus if they:
- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment
- have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves

With changes being implemented to EMA next year, where families will no longer receive EMA payments to the family, this program may be worth consideration as a means of managing educational costs. The flyer provides some basic information and contact details for families who may want further information.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
On behalf of the children and all the dads, I would like to congratulate the PFA on their Fathers’ Day Stall. The feedback from students and staff was that there was a great range of gifts for the children to choose from and there were many ‘happy shoppers’. I hope that the dads enjoy receiving their gifts on Sunday and wish you all a great day!

Lynne Brenner
Acting Principal
PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Father's Day Stall
Thank you so much to all the kids who came to get gifts from the Father's Day stall. The kids impressed us with lots of 'pleases' and 'thank yous' and showed beautiful patience when waiting their turns. Thank you to Kathe and Jess for all their hard work getting the stall up and running as well as Mel, Kim and Sarah for their help on Wednesday. We wish all Fathers a very happy day on Sunday.

Footy Lunch and Footy Colours Day
Footy Finals Fever is here and what better way to celebrate than a Footy Day next Wednesday 10th September. Thank you to everyone who has returned their orders for Footy lunch by today's deadline.

On Wednesday, we also encourage kids to dress in their footy colours for a gold coin donation. All money collected will be contributed to 'Footy Colours Day' raising funds to help children and teenagers who are fighting cancer. See flyer included in this newsletter.
Together we wrote a song about our animal projects and what we had to find out about our animal. We used the instrumental version of Rockin Robin and created a parody to it.

We learnt about animals all day long
We had to choose an animal to sing this song.
We had to find out just what they eat
Do they eat plants or do they meat?

We choose mammals (animal noises)
We choose reptiles (animal noises)
But none of us chose to do amphibians

Jack chose an elephant, Olivia chose camels
Mackenzie chose turtles and Chelsea chose whales
We all chose an animal and here they are
A sea dragon, a panda and a tiger.
We choose mammals (animal noises)
We choose reptiles (animal noises)
But none of us chose to do amphibians

Rhinos and monkeys, jaguars and cheetahs giraffes, dingos and really stripy zebras.
We learnt about their size, life cycles and prey
What they look like, how they are and where they stay.

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OFFICER PRIMARY SCHOOL - HOUSE COIN DRIVE

On Thursday 4th September, the Year 6 Fundraising students held a coin drive to raise money for the Year 6 ‘Big Day Out’ and Graduation.

We were very impressed with all grades who brought their loose change from home, some from their own money boxes.

The lines for each house were grew very long from when Ms P’s Preps came out to start the lines, until Miss K’s Year 4/5 class finished it off. The Year 5/6MM students were very busy on Friday morning counting and recounting all the coins to find the totals for each house.

A huge thank-you for all the students who brought money to help the fundraiser be a big success.

THE GRAND TOTAL RAISED WAS $324.95

The following table shows the winners and place getters for each house.

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Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for your child's or your educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Brotherhood of St Laurence delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Karmen Dayal,
Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence
5941 9155 / 0459 190 144 or
kdayal@bsl.org.au

*Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Lawrence and ANZ, and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.*
Estimated 58 spaces
(parking example shown only, not actual parking spaces)

12 August 2014
PROPOSED PARKING ARRANGEMENT
FOR GRAVEL OFF-STREET CAR PARK
IN TIVENDALE RD, OFFICER
Bunnings BBQ

Sunday 19th October

In an effort to help reach our fundraising goal of $10,000 to buy learn to read books and laptops for the children, we are having a BBQ at the Pakenham Store.

At our last BBQ we made $1553, hopefully with nicer weather we may exceed this figure.

I am asking for volunteers to help on the day. We need 4 people at all times from 8.15am to 5pm to run efficiently. If you can offer 1 or 2 hours on the day or even help longer, please nominate your time and return the provided slip to the office or contact myself directly on 0408303773.

We need some great sausage and onion cookers to help as I tend to burn them.

Thanks for your support

Michael Ball, Committee Member.

Cut here: 

Bunnings BBQ

Name: ____________________ Contact No: ____________________

I can help between____________ to ______________

I am a great sausage cooker Y/N (Please circle)